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|   | Art Unit               | 3654  |           |
| CE<br>ner for Patents                                   | Examiner Name          | Evan H. Langdon   |           |
| 50<br>VA 22313-1450                                     | Attorney Docket Number | 6623-119  | ļ         |

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| Name The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)  | 1053   | 130    | 1053 |             | Non-English specification  |             |
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| 1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee  | 1403   | 290    | 2403 | 145         | Request for oral hearing   |             |
| 1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee   | 1451 1   | 1,510  | 1451 | 1,510       | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |             |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)   | 1452   | 110    | 2452 | 55          | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |             |
|   | 1453 1   | 1,330  | 2453 | 665         | Petition to revive - unintentional   |             |
| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE   | 1501 1   | 1,330  | 2501 | 665         | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |             |
| Extra Claims below Fee Paid   |  | 480    | 2502 |             | Design issue fee   | <b></b>     |
| Total Claims  | 1503   | 640    | 2503 |             | Plant issue fee  |             |
| Claims  | 1460   | 130    | 1460 |             | Petitions to the Commissioner  | <b></b>     |
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| 1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20<br>1201 86 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3        | 1809   | 770    | 2809 | 9 385       | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |             |
| 1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid   | 1810   | 770    | 2810 | 385         | For each additional invention to be  |             |
| 1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent                                | 1801   | 770    | 2801 | 385         | examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))  Request for Continued Examination (RCE)        | \$395       |
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